

CURRENT VACANCIES as of
January 2013
For COMMISSIONER-APPOINTED
BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

The Charles County Commissioners are seeking County residents to fill vacancies on the following Boards, Committees & Commissions:

- Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board
- Area Council on Aging
- Board of Electrical Examiners
- ***Newly Established* Charter Board**
- Heritage Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Library Board of Trustees
- Monument Commission
- ***Newly Established* Neighborhood Traffic Calming Task Force**
- ***Newly Established* School Adequate Public Facilities Program and Funding Review Committee**
- Wicomico Scenic River Commission

Applications are available on the Charles County Government website at <http://www.charlescounty.org/apps/citizenadvisory/public/enterApplication.jsp> or by contacting Carol DeSoto, Commissioner Specialist at 301-645-0691 or e-mail desotoc@charlescounty.org. *A separate application must be submitted for each membership to which you wish to apply.*

POSITIONS REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FILLED

There are 2 vacancies for the **Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board**. 1 vacancy is for a citizen member and 1 as an Ex-Officio advisory member. The Board advises the county governing body with respect to the establishment of agricultural districts and the approval of purchases of easements by the foundation with the county. The Board assists the county governing body in reviewing the status of agricultural districts and land under easement. The Board also advises the foundation concerning county priorities for agricultural preservation. The Board meets as needed. Members serve 4 year terms.

There are 4 vacancies on the 16-member **Area Council on Aging** for citizen members (2 from the senior community over the age of 60); Members serve 4-year terms. The Council promotes the welfare and betterment of senior citizens of Charles County by working actively and cooperatively within the community; develops awareness and understanding of problems and concerns; and develops community support for programs designed to benefit and support the senior citizen population. The Council meets monthly on the second Thursday at the Richard Clark Center at 9:30 am.

There is one vacancy on the **Board of Electrical Examiners** for a Charles County Licensed Master Electrician. The task of the Board of Electrical Examiners is to examine the qualifications and capabilities of all persons who are or desire a license for Master Electrician and/or Journeyman. Members serve 4-year terms

There are 9 vacancies on the ***Newly Established* Charter Board** for citizen members. The Charter Board will draft a charter for Charles County to change the present form of government. The Charter Board will draft a charter for submission to the Board of County Commissioners and then for a referendum election by the voters of Charles County. The proposed charter is intended to go before the voters for ratification at the 2014 Election. The

Charter of Charles County is a document that will change the present Code Home Rule commissioner form of government to Charter government if approved by the voters. The proposed charter document defines the duties, power, rules, procedures, structure of local county government, and the rights of our voters/citizens. The proposal shall be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by January 1, 2014. Board will meet at least twice a month in the evening, possibly meet more if needed. The Board shall hold at least two (2) public hearings.

There are 3 vacancies on the **Heritage Commission** for citizen members. The task of the Heritage Commission is to manage, procure, preserve and disseminate materials relating to the local history of Charles County. Members serve 4-year terms.

There is 1 vacancy on the **Historic Preservation Commission**. The Commission will recommend properties for local historic landmark designation, review exterior changes to locally designated landmarks, and support documentation of historic resources throughout Charles County. Applicant must possess interest or training in history, architectural history, archeology, historic preservation, landscape design, or related field. The Board meets quarterly. Members will serve 3-year terms. The Commission meets in the evenings.

There is 1 vacancy on the **Library Board of Trustees**. This vacancy is for a citizen member. The task of the Board is to deal with all aspects of the library, including services, staff, rules and regulations and other functions for the proper delivery of library services. The Board meets monthly except July, August and December on the third Thursday of each month at 9:15 a.m. Members serve four year terms.

There is 1 vacancy on the 7 member **Monument Commission**. The vacancy is for a member with a background in history. This Commission will recommend locations for monuments; prepare guidelines, criteria and a plan for implementation of monument projects. The Commission will meet as necessary. Members will serve 4-year terms.

There are 5 vacancies on the **Newly Established Neighborhood Traffic Calming Task Force**. There is one vacancy for a member representing each of the following areas: Resident in the Charles County Development District; A resident in a rural neighborhood; a member of an HOA Board; A member of the Volunteer Fire Department and a resident in a community or neighborhood with no HOA. This Task Force will assist the Department of Planning & Growth Management in developing a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program in Charles County. The Task Force will research the subject as well as provide suggestions and feedback for use in drafting Neighborhood Traffic Calming regulations. Charge is complete when traffic calming regulations have been proposed and acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners.

There are 7 vacancies on the **Newly Established School Adequate Public Facilities Program and Funding Review Committee**. There are two vacancies for Board of Education members, 3 vacancies for Citizens or Parent with a Child in a Charles County Public School and 2 vacancies for members in the Building Industry. This Committee shall evaluate the County's approach to ensuring adequate public facilities for schools in the development approval process to determine if the current policy is achieving the stated goals. The Committee should also develop solutions for addressing the timing of providing adequate school facilities to match the planned growth in the County. The Committee should work with designated staff to explore the feasibility and make recommendations on the best method to work through the issues related to school redistricting, school capacity allocation, and the timing and methods of school funding and construction. Meetings will be monthly at 6:30 pm. Members will serve 1 year term.

There is 1 vacancy on the 7 member **Wicomico Scenic River Commission** for a property owner in a soil conservation district through which the scenic or wild river flows. The Commission represents the interests of the Wicomico Scenic River and its watershed in Charles and St. Mary's Counties in an advisory capacity for review of proposals and information and act as a watchdog for the watershed. Members serve 4-year terms. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.